



## CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

### 24-HOUR REPORT

**10 DECEMBER 2021**

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#### **(U) CALIFORNIA**

##### **(U) Garden Grove – Thieves Steal 40 Guns in Late-Night Smash-and-Grab**

(U) Burglars breached the glass front door of a Garden Grove gun shop early Thursday morning and made off with approximately 40 firearms. Officers from the Garden Grove Police Department responded to a report of a burglary at Whitten Sales on Valley View Street around 12:16 a.m., authorities said in a news release. Authorities could not confirm what types of guns were taken. Officials said the thieves, described as men wearing masks, drove away in two vehicles before police arrived. The vehicles were described as BMWs, one silver and one blue.

SOURCE: 9 December 2021, [The Los Angeles Times](#)

##### **(U) Lincoln – Student Arrested After Social Media Post Threatens High School Shooting**

(U) Police in Placer County arrested a 16-year-old student from Lincoln suspected of posting an Instagram video this week that claimed a shooting could occur at Twelve Bridges High School. The teen was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of making criminal threats and booked at the Placer County Juvenile Hall, according to a news release from the Lincoln Police Department. Police said the boy did not have any guns or weapons in his possession when he was taken into custody.

SOURCE: 9 December 2021, [The Sacramento Bee](#)

##### **(U) Redding – Suspect in Fawn Fire Ordered to State Mental Hospital**

(U) Alexandra Souverneva, a Palo Alto yoga instructor suspected of starting the Fawn Fire earlier this year, was ordered Thursday to a state mental hospital, where clinicians will try to get her mentally fit to stand trial. Souverneva faces a felony arson charge in connection with the Fawn Fire, which ignited in mid-September in a deep quarry near Shasta Lake outside Redding. The blaze destroyed 185 structures, injured three people and torched 8,578 acres of forest.

SOURCE: 10 December 2021, [The Mercury News](#)

##### **(U) San Bernardino – Authorities Arrest 180 People in Takedown of Violent Gang**

(U) Authorities on Thursday announced the takedown of a Southern California street gang that included 180 arrests and the seizure of illegal gambling machines, drugs, and guns. The investigation into the violent Westside Verdugo gang, which has been based in the San Bernardino area for decades. Detectives shut down 30 gambling sites, including some linked to five homicides and other violent crimes this year, and seized more than 100 gambling machines and devices. Authorities also said they seized 92 handguns and 19 assault weapons, nearly \$300,000 in cash and hundreds-of-pounds of narcotics.

SOURCE: 9 December 2021, [Associated Press](#)

#### **(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

##### **(U) Arizona – State Troopers Seize More Than 237-Pounds of Methamphetamine in 24-Hours**

(U) Phoenix – In a 24-hour period of operation from 7-to-8 December Arizona Department of Public Safety (AZDPS) troopers, including Border Strike Force units, and the Arizona National Guard seized

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237.05-pounds of methamphetamine valued at \$1.54 million and arrested three people on drug-related charges in southern Arizona. Additionally, one stolen vehicle was recovered, two human traffickers/smugglers were arrested, and two additional persons were turned over to the US Border Patrol for illegal entry.

SOURCE: 9 December 2021, [Arizona Department of Public Safety](#)

### **(U) NATIONAL**

#### **(U) Florida – Authorities Arrest Student for Planning Mass Shooting on Campus**

(U) Daytona Beach – An Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University student who had posted threats suggesting he was going to commit a mass shooting on campus was arrested Thursday as he left his apartment with a backpack that contained a collapsible semi-automatic rifle and hundreds-of-rounds of ammunition. The suspect, John Hagins, 19, was taken into custody in Daytona Beach. Hagins was charged with written threats to injure or kill, terrorism, and attempted first-degree homicide, all felonies. He was booked into the Volusia County Branch Jail without bail.

SOURCE: 9 December 2021, [Yahoo News](#)

#### **(U) Georgia – Election Workers Break Silence After Enduring Threats**

(U) Atlanta – Death threats from angry voters forced Georgia election worker Ruby Freeman, 62, to flee her home of 20-years. Election workers faced an unprecedented wave of terroristic threats this year. In addition to the several hundred threats described by Freeman, media sources have documented more than 850 threats and harassing messages to election administrators, including about 100 that legal experts say could be prosecuted under federal law.

SOURCE: 9 December 2021, [Reuters](#)

### **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

#### **(U) Afghanistan – Al-Qa'ida Presence Growing in Afghanistan**

(U) Kabul – Al-Qa'ida has grown slightly inside Afghanistan since US forces left in late August, and the country's new Taliban leaders are divided over whether to fulfill their 2020 pledge to break ties with the group. The departure of US military and intelligence assets from Afghanistan has made it much harder to track al-Qa'ida and other extremist groups inside Afghanistan.

SOURCE: 9 December 2021, [Yahoo News](#)

#### **(U) Burkina Faso – Gunmen Kill at Least 14 Militiamen**

(U) Titao – Unidentified gunmen ambushed and killed least 14 members of a government-backed civilian militia in Burkina Faso. The attack came a day after President Roch Kabore sacked his prime minister and replaced the head of the army as he faced street protests over his handling of a security crisis that has killed thousands and displaced more than a million. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the ambush. But attacks by insurgents linked to al-Qa'ida and the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) have been mounting in Burkina Faso, and in neighboring Mali and Niger.

SOURCE: 10 December 2021, [Reuters](#)

#### **(U) Democratic Republic of Congo – Suspected ISIS-Linked Group Kills 16 People**

(U) Masiriko – Suspected militants killed 16 people this week in two rural towns in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. Reports said the attackers belonged to the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), a militia linked to ISIS that is accused of killing hundreds of civilians in eastern Congo since 2019 and carrying out a string of recent bombings in Uganda.

SOURCE: 10 December 2021, [Reuters](#)

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### **(U) Mexico – Migrant Truck Crash Leaves at Least 54 Dead**

(U) Tuxtla Gutiérrez– At least 54 people were killed and more than 100 injured in a truck accident in southern Mexico on Thursday, the authorities said, with most of the victims believed to be migrants coming from Central America. The accident, which took place in southern Chiapas State, occurred when a truck carrying over 100 people overturned on Thursday afternoon near Tuxtla Gutiérrez.

SOURCE: 10 December 2021, [The New York Times](#)

### **(U) Turkey – Security Forces Arrest 11 Suspected ISIS Members**

(U) Istanbul – Turkish security forces arrested 11 foreign nationals in Istanbul on suspicion of links to the terrorist group ISIS. Counterterrorism police teams launched an operation to apprehend the suspects, who were suspected of being part of groups planning attacks on behalf of ISIS. As part of the investigation, police teams conducted simultaneous operations at 11 locations in four different districts of Istanbul. A large number of different materials and documents were also seized during the raids.

SOURCE: 12 December 2021, [AA.com](#)

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